

Sec. 2. All bond issues and all levies of special school taxes heretofore voted or which may hereafter be voted by any such district, are hereby validated, as though the original creation or consolidation of such district was in all respects regular; provided that the proceedings in the election for such bond issue or special taxes were or shall be in all other respects valid; and provided further that this Act shall not be construed as validating any bond issue attempted to have been voted upon any territory larger than, or in any way different from, that defined by the latest valid order of the county board of trustees, changing or defining the boundaries of the district for which such election was attempted to be held.

Sec. 3. The unsettled condition in many of the school districts of the various counties of the State creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
June 1, 1927.

The Senate met at 10:00 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dis-

pensed with on motion of Senator Westbrook.

Petitions and Memorials.

(See Appendix.)

Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Bills and Resolutions.

Simple Resolution No. 28.

Senator Ward sent up the following resolution:

By Senators Ward, Real.

Whereas, The Senate of the 31st and 32nd Legislature had groups of the photographs of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and each of the Senators placed in blocks, and were placed in the Senate Chamber and,

Whereas, The said groups of photographs have been misplaced and do not appear in the Senate Chamber,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms be instructed by the Lieutenant Governor to make due diligent search and recovery of the said two groups of photographs, and have same placed in some suitable place in the Senate Chamber.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Simple Resolution No. 29.

Senator Fairchild sent up the following resolution:

By Senator Fairchild:

Whereas, Texas is a prosperous and growing State, and

Whereas, The insurance industry is now and has been growing rapidly in this State, and

Whereas, Every kind of insurance is being carried on by both home and foreign companies in Texas, the companies writing life, health, accident, reciprocal, fire and in fact, so far as I know, every kind of insurance known to the business world, and

Whereas, Fire insurance rates are now regulated by an Insurance Commission, and possibly other kinds of insurance as to rates are regulated by the Insurance Commission of Texas save and except, so far as I know, life insurance, and

Whereas, It seems that the rates of twenty or thirty years ago are now applicable in Texas, and

Whereas, From the various records and reports from the different health departments, etc., show that

the average human life has been extended many years during the last two decades and with this extension it seems that the life insurance rates are unchanged,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Insurance Commission of this State make an investigation as to the rates charged for life insurance in Texas and determine as to the reasonableness of these rates, and if they are found to be unreasonable, make a complete report as to their findings with reference to the unreasonableness of the rates and take such action and make such advice as will enable the Texas Legislature to correct this condition and provide for reasonable rates for carriers of life insurance policies.

The Secretary is instructed to furnish a copy to the Insurance Commission.

The resolution was read and adopted.

By Senator Holbrook:

S. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Brazos River Harbor Navigation District of Brazoria County under Section 59, Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas for the purpose of making improvements for the navigation of inland and coastal waters and for the preservation and conservation of inland and coastal waters for navigation and for control and distribution of storm and flood waters of rivers and streams in aid of navigation; describing said district by metes and bounds, ratifying and validating all orders and other proceedings of the commissioners' court and other officers of Brazoria County and of the Navigation and Canal Commissioners of said district; ratifying and validating the petition, order for hearing, notice of hearing, hearing on petition, order for election, order defining voting precincts, notice of election, returns of election, order declaring result of election, order of commissioners' court appointing navigation and canal commissioners, official acts of navigation and canal commissioners, order authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds, and assessment of taxes in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and officers to levy, assess and collect general ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay interest on such bonds and the

principal thereof as they mature; authorizing the commissioners' court and navigation and canal commissioners and officers to complete the issuance and sale of \$989,000 of the \$1,000,000 bonds heretofore voted by said district; constituting all orders of the commissioners' court and acts of navigation and canal commissioners and certified copies thereof and certificates of the officers of Brazoria County and navigation and canal commissioners in respect thereto evidence in all courts; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Holbrook:

S. B. No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, for the purpose of the development of deep water navigation, improvement of rivers, bays, creeks, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senators Wirtz and Russek:

S. B. No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, by adding Art. 3118A and 3118B, providing respectively, for the selection of County Executive Committees and County Chairmen of political parties in Texas whose nominee for the Governor in the preceding general election received as many as ten thousand votes and less than one hundred thousand votes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Senator Parr:

S. B. No. 113, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number 7, of Cameron County, Texas, defining its boundaries, and which district embraces the same territory included within Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Seven, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Parr:

S. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six, of Cameron County, Texas, defining its boundaries, and which district embraces the same territory included within Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Six; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Parr:

S. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Five of Cameron County, Texas, defining its boundaries, and which district embraces the same territory included within Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Five, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting aid to the Independent School District of the City of Nevada in Collin County, Texas, made necessary by the reason of the recent cyclone in said city and community on the 9th day of May, 1927, which caused great destruction to the property of said school district, and loss of life; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Russek:

S. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation to pay the heirs of Dr. Johnson Hunter an amount as reimbursement for cattle killed and slaughtered and corn and hogs used by the army of General Sam Houston at or about the time of the Battle of San Jacinto, said property having been the property of the said Dr. Johnson Hunter and never having been paid for; providing how and on what terms said appropriation shall be paid; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Holbrook:

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 2538, Re-

vised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing for the investment of State funds in Government bonds; repealing Articles 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, and 2543, creating and providing for the functioning of a rate making board; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Banking.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 119, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in all counties where the county attorney performs the duties of the county attorney and district attorney, the county attorney may appoint one or more assistants who need not possess the qualifications provided for county attorneys; providing for the manner of appointment; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

House Bill No. 37.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Bowie County, Texas, and conform the jurisdiction of the district courts of such county to such change."

The bill was read third time and passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 15.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and defining by metes and bounds Road District No. Two of Hidalgo County, Texas, under the authority of Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of

Texas, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled, or paved roads, and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; provided that such district shall be made a body corporate and taxing district under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas; including certain territories heretofore embraced and contained within the old original Road District No. 1 of Hidalgo County, Texas; providing that the present outstanding bonds of said original Road District No. 1 shall remain a charge against all taxable properties situated within said original district as it existed at the date of the issuance of the present outstanding bonds thereof; providing that the commissioners' court of Hidalgo County shall continue to levy, assess and collect annually, sufficient taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide sinking funds sufficient to pay the principal at maturity, said taxes to be levied and collected upon all the property situated in said district as it existed at the time of the issuance of the present outstanding bonds; providing that said district hereby created shall have authority to issue serial bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon, who are qualified electors of said district as herein defined; providing for the levy and collection of taxes sufficient to pay the interest on, and provide a sinking fund therefor, such bonds and taxes to be a charge against all property, real and personal, situated in the hereinafter defined district; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 15 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Fairchild.
Berkeley.	Floyd.
Bledsoe.	Greer.
Bowers.	Hall.

Hardin.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Smith.
Love.	Stuart.
McFarlane.	Triplett.
Miller.	Ward.
Moore.	Westbrook.
Neal.	Wirtz.
Parr.	Witt.
Pollard.	Wood.
Price.	Woodward.
Real.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 16.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the eradication of scabies among sheep and cattle; to provide adequate quarantine and sanitary measures; to provide for the inspection and dipping, and certification of said livestock, and to provide adequate penalties for violation of quarantine and dipping order of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time. The committee report was adopted.

The bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Berkeley, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 16 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Bledsoe.
Berkeley.	Bowers.

Fairchild.	Price.
Floyd.	Real.
Greer.	Reid.
Hall.	Russek.
Hardin.	Smith.
Holbrook.	Stuart.
Lewis.	Triplett.
Love.	Ward.
McFarlane.	Westbrook.
Miller.	Wirtz.
Moore.	Witt.
Neal.	Wood.
Parr.	Woodward.
Pollard.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Strong.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 18.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal the Coleman County Special Road Law, being Chapter 52, page 461, Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, and the amendments to said law passed by Chapter 97, page 763, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 18 put on its third and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Bowers.
Berkeley.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Floyd.

Greer.	Real.
Hall.	Reid.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Smith.
Lewis.	Stuart.
Love.	Triplett.
McFarlane.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Wirtz.
Neal.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Pollard.	Woodward.
Price.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 26.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to levy and collect annually a three dollar road tax against all ablebodied male citizens of Wilson County who are between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years; providing the manner of assessment and collection of said tax, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time. The committee report was adopted. The bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 26 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Bowers.
Berkeley.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Floyd.

Greer.	Real.
Hall.	Reid.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Smith.
Lewis.	Stuart.
Love.	Triplett.
McFarlane.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Wirtz.
Neal.	Witt.
Parr.	Wood.
Pollard.	Woodward.
Price.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 27.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following bill:

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Road District No. 1, in Wheeler County, Texas, validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

The committee report was adopted,

and the bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. 27 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

Message From the House.

The Chair recognized the Doorkeeper who introduced a messenger from the House with the following messages:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House grants the request of the Senate for a Free Conference on S. B. No. 5 and the following committee is appointed on the part of the House:

Teer, Hogg, Montgomery, Powell, Kemble.

M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3107 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, giving the executive committees of the political parties within this State the authority to determine the qualifications of the voters of such parties."

H. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2094 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 relating to the selection of jurors for service in the district and county courts, so as to make said article apply in any county having a city of as many as 20,000 population, or cities containing an aggregate population of as many as 20,000, as shown by the preceding Federal census, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 416, Chapter of the Penal Code of 1925 relating to the drawing of juries; defining the duties of certain officers in connection therewith, and providing a penalty for the failure to perform such duties."

H. B. No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for San Saba County, Texas, and making the commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioner in their respective precincts and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the compensation of road commissioners, defining the duties of the commissioners court with reference to roads and bridges; providing for the appointment of overseers and defining their duties, and providing for compensation for certain labors; giving persons subject to road duty in San Saba County and persons summoned to work on the public roads of said county the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty upon the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated; and providing for

the accounting for and the disposition to be made of the money so paid; limiting the purpose for which road and bridge funds shall be used; authorizing and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads, and providing for the payment of officers' fees; providing that delinquent poll tax payers shall be subject to three days' road duty; requiring the tax collector of San Saba County to furnish to the commissioners' court a list of all persons who fail to pay their poll tax; providing for the condemnation of any land needed for the widening, straightening, changing or draining of public roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other material for the making or improving of public roads and bridges; requiring certain road and bridge work to be done by contract; authorizing and empowering the said San Saba County to issue bonds for the construction and maintenance of public roads and bridges within said county, and to provide for a tax to create a sinking fund to pay the same; providing that this Act shall control in San Saba County in all cases wherein it differs from or is inconsistent and conflicts with the general law on the subject of roads and bridges, and declaring an emergency." Respectfully submitted,

M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has refused to concur in Senate Amendments to H. B. No. 7, and requests the Senate for the appointment of a Free Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two Houses. The following are appointed as conferees on the part of the House:

Young, Wallace of Freestone, Denman, Conway, High.

S. C. R. No. 4.—Expressing appreciation to the United Daughters of the Confederacy for their commemoration of the services of Jefferson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Articles 603 and
604 of Title 20, Chapter 1, Revised
Statutes, 1925, and adding to said
Title 20 another chapter, providing
for efficiency tests and examinations
and classification of appointive min-
isterial and clerical officers and em-
ployes of the State of Texas; regu-
lating such tests and examinations
and providing for fixing the compen-
sation of such employes, and repeal-
ing all laws in conflict."

H. B. No. 120, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to provide better protection
for fish in the fresh waters of Jack-
son county, by making it unlawful to
use nets or seines in any of the fresh
water streams, lakes, bayous or
lagoons in Jackson county, and de-
claring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled
"An Act amending Section 8 of
Chapter 177 of the General Laws of
the Regular Session of the Thirty-
ninth Legislature, as amended by
Senate bill No. 56, same being
Chapter 35 of the General Laws of
the Regular Session of the Fortieth
Legislature (which said Section 8,
as amended by said Senate Bill No.
56, being Chapter 35 of the General
Laws of the Regular Session of the
Fortieth Legislature, makes it un-
lawful for any person to kill, take
or have in his possession for barter
or sale within a period of ten years
of the passage of said Act, any wild
beaver, wild otter, or wild fox or the
pelts thereof, etc., and declaring an
emergency."

H. B. No. 104, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to repeal Chapter 112 of the
Acts of the Regular Session of the
Thirty-ninth Legislature, and restor-
ing the old Cyclone Common

School District No. 9 to its original
status, and declaring an emer-
gency."

S. B. No. 100, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to create Lamar-Delta
County Levee Improvement District
Number Two, in the counties of
Lamar and Delta, State of Texas;
validating and approving all orders
made by the commissioners' courts
of said counties and of the Board of
Supervisors of said District in re-
spect to the organization and estab-
lishment thereof; etc."

Respectfully submitted,
M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has failed to pass the following bill:

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled
"An Act making an appropriation
for the control and eradication of the
pink boll worm of cotton for the
two-year period beginning Septem-
ber 1, 1927, and ending August 31,
1929."

Respectfully submitted,
M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled
"An Act amending Article 5347 of
the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925
so as to make proper disposition of
certain funds mentioned therein and
particularly certain funds that under
present laws go to the game law,
etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
M. LOUISE SNOW,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bills Read and Referred.

H. B. No. 57, read and referred to
Committee on Privileges and Elec-
tions.

H. B. No. 74, read and referred to
Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 75, read and referred to
Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 19, read and referred to

Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

House Bill No. 28.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Road District No. 2, in Wheeler county, Texas; validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof, and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

The committee report was adopted, and the bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Love, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 28 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Bledsoe.
Berkeley.	Bowers.

Fairchild.
Floyd.
Greer.
Hall.
Hardin.
Holbrook.
Lewis.
Love.
McFarlane.
Miller.
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Reid.
Russek.
Smith.
Stuart.
Triplett.
Ward.
Westbrook.
Wirtz.
Witt.
Wood.
Woodward.

House Bill No. 29.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Road District No. 3, in Wheeler county, Texas; validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district; bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

The committee report was adopted, and the bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Moore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 29 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Holbrook.
Berkeley.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Love.
Bowers.	McFarlane.
Fairchild.	Miller.
Floyd.	Moore.
Greer.	Neal.
Hall.	Parr.
Hardin.	Pollard.

Price.	Ward.
Real.	Westbrook.
Reid.	Wirtz.
Russek.	Witt.
Smith.	Wood.
Stuart.	Woodward.
Triplett.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 30.

The Chair laid before the Senate on the calendar, the following bill:

H. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Road District No. 4, in Wheeler county, Texas; validating and approving all orders made by the commissioners' court of said county, in respect to the organization of said district; validating the authorization, issuance, and sale of certain road bonds thereof and providing for their payment by the annual levy, assessment and collection of general ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in said road district; approving and validating all orders of the commissioners' court of said county in respect of said road district, bonds and taxes, or certified copies thereof, and constituting such orders legal evidence; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Reid, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 30 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Smith.
Greer.	Stuart.
Hall.	Russek.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

House Bill No. 39.

The Chair laid before the Senate on the calendar, the following bill:

H. B. No. 39, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 97 as passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature, creating a more efficient road system for Wood county; making the county commissioners ex-officio road supervisors for their respective precincts in said county; defining their powers and duties as such supervisors; providing for their compensation as such; providing for the working of hands on public roads who fail to pay the road tax provided for herein, providing that no hands shall be apportioned to work on any highway maintained by the State of Texas; providing that hands subject to road duty may be apportioned to roads in the precinct of their residence, other than the public road nearest to them; providing

for the working of county convicts upon the public road; providing for notice to be served upon hands subject to road duty, and penalty for violating such notice; providing for the collection and disbursement of certain moneys and the payment of fees for service rendered in connection herewith by certain county officials; prohibiting the use of any of the property belonging to Wood county to be used in its road work for any private purposes, and fixing penalties for violation of this Act and penalties for the enforcement of the provisions of this Act: providing that if any provisions of this Act shall still remain in force and effect; declaring the provisions of this Act cumulative of all general laws of the State of Texas upon this subject, and for the repeal of all special road laws heretofore enacted for Wood county, and parts thereof, when in conflict with any of the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 39 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Greer.
Berkeley.	Hall.
Bledsoe.	Hardin.
Bowers.	Holbrook.
Fairchild.	Lewis.
Floyd.	Love.

McFarlane.	Smith.
Miller.	Stuart.
Moore.	Triplett.
Neal.	Ward.
Parr.	Westbrook.
Pollard.	Wirtz.
Price.	Witt.
Real.	Wood.
Reid.	Woodward.
Russek.	

House Bill No. 41.

The Chair laid before the Senate on the calendar, the following bill:

H. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the Independent School District of Rock Springs, and the City of Rock Springs, in Edwards County, Texas, in order to aid said municipalities in the reconstruction of public property destroyed by the recent cyclone in that community on the 12th day of April, 1927; granting and appropriating to said school district the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars for school building purposes, the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars for equipping school buildings, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for maintenance of its schools, for the school year ending in 1928, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for maintenance of its schools for the school year ending in 1929; granting and appropriating to said City of Rock Springs the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars for re-building and re-habilitating its water works system; prescribing manner in which the fund hereby granted and appropriated shall be paid; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Berkeley moved that the bill be made special order after S. B. No. 69.

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 45.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Robertson county Texas; providing that the commissioners' court shall be road commissioners of their respective precincts; providing that such commissioners shall have charge of the roads, teams, tools, machinery and appli-

ances of said county under the direction of the commissioners' court; providing for the laying out, establishment and construction of roads, bridges and culverts, and for the repair and maintenance thereof; providing that the commissioners' court shall co-operate with the State Highway Department in the establishment construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and culverts to be paid for partly by the county and partly by the State or Federal government; authorizing the commissioners' court of Robertson county to issue bonds of said county for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes and levy a tax in payment thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

The committee report was adopted.

The bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Bowers, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 45 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—31.

Bailey.	Holbrook.
Berkeley.	Lewis.
Bledsoe.	Love.
Bowers.	McFarlane.
Fairchild.	Miller.
Floyd.	Moore.
Greer.	Neal.
Hall.	Parr.
Hardin.	Pollard.

Price.
Real.
Reid.
Russek.
Smith.
Stuart.
Triplett.

Ward.
Westbrook.
Wirtz.
Witt.
Wood.
Woodward.

Bills Signed.

After their captions had been read, the Chair (President Pro Tem Pollard) signed the following bills:

S. B. No. 2.	S. B. No. 24.
S. B. No. 26.	S. B. No. 23.
S. B. No. 25.	H. C. R. No. 2.

House Bill No. 62.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading, the following bill:

S. B. No. 62. A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2, of Chapter 142 of the General and Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Fortieth Legislature so as to authorize the money therein appropriated to be used for the payment of debts of the Prison System already created in addition to the purposes for which said appropriation was made by the Act of the Fortieth Legislature herein amended; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, the committee report was adopted, and the bill passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 88.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading, the following bill:

H. B. No. 88. A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing counties to pay taxes on school lands owned by such counties, pursuant to Section 6a of Article VII of the State Constitution recently adopted by the people; prescribing the funds out of which any such taxes may be paid; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

The committee report was adopted, and the bill was passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 88 was put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—29.

Bailey.	Neal.
Berkeley.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Price.
Fairchild.	Real.
Floyd.	Reid.
Greer.	Russek.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Witt.
McFarlane.	Wood.
Miller.	Woodward.
Moore.	

Absent.

Smith.	Wirtz.
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The bill was read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 69.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending business after the morning call, the following bill:

S. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 16, Article 2867 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1925, fixing the maximum portion of the ad valorem school tax to be used for the purchase and distribution of free text books, and declaring an emergency."

The question recurred upon the substitute amendment by Senator Bowers for the amendment by Senator McFarlane.

Senator Moore sent up the following statement and asked that it be printed in the Journal:

Statement.

Mr. President: As part of my remarks in support of S. B. No. 69, to limit the amount of money for free textbooks, I submit the following statements:

Explanation.

Statement No. 1 was prepared in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from the report of the State Department of Education as published in Bulletin No. 215, dated 1907.

Because of the extravagance in purchasing free textbooks, as found in these statements, I submit the following statement to limit the amount to be spent therefor.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL COST OF NEW ADOPTIONS

Subject	Average Cost of Old Adoption	Average Cost of New Adoption	No. Copies Needed If Readopted	No. Copies Needed New Adoption	Cost If Readopted	Cost of New Adoption
Mental Arithmetic	\$.216	\$.45	8,000	125,000	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 56,250.00
Language .....	.306	.57	90,000	800,000	27,540.00	456,000.00
Language .....	.42	.396	110,000	800,000	46,200.00	316,800.00
Spelling .....	.337	.365	110,000	600,000	37,070.00	219,000.00
Geography .....	.945	1.44	38,000	700,000	35,910.00	1,008,000.00
Arithmetic .....	.625	.576	44,000	800,000	27,500.00	460,800.00
U. S. History .....	.63	1.04	30,000	100,000	18,900.00	104,000.00
Early European History	1.35	1.611	18,000	90,000	24,300.00	144,990.00
Modern European History	1.35	1.611	15,000	65,000	20,250.00	104,715.00
Agriculture .....	.54	.99	9,000	97,000	4,860.00	96,030.00
Physiology .....	.45	.603	30,000	300,000	13,500.00	180,900.00
Civics .....	.675	.855	11,000	90,000	7,425.00	76,950.00
American History	1.125	1.575	7,000	40,000	7,875.00	63,000.00

New Supplementary Readers

Total Additional Cost for New Adoptions

STATEMENT NO. 2.

Name of Book Adopted	Term of Adoption and Use	Readopted or Book Displaced	Net Contract Price	Increased Cost Over Book Readopted or Displaced
New World Speller.				
Book One	1919-1925		.252	
Book One	1925-1926	Readopted	.315	24 %
Book Two	1919-1925		.27	
Book Two	1925-1926	Readopted	.36	33 %
Essentials of Spelling.				
First Book	1926-1932	World's Speller	.35	10 %
Second Book	1926-1932	World's Speller	.38	5 %
Basal Readers.				
Playmates Primer	1919-1925		.162	
Child's World Primer	1919-1925	Playmates Primer	.252	55 %
Child's World Primer	1925-1926	Readopted	.378	50 %
Child's World.				
First Reader	1919-1925		.243	
First Reader	1925-1926	Readopted	.414	70 %
Second Reader	1919-1925		.279	
Second Reader	1925-1926	Readopted	.468	69 %
Third Reader	1919-1925		.306	
Third Reader	1925-1926	Readopted	.522	70 %
Geographies.				
New World Geography —				
First Book	1919-1922		.585	
First Book	1922-1923	Readopted	.765	30 %
Second Book	1919-1922		.90	
Second Book	1922-1923	Readopted	1.125	25 %
Essentials of Geography.				
First Book	1923-1926	World's Geography, 1st Book.	1.197	55 %
Second Book	1923-1926	World's Geography, 2nd Book.	1.683	58 %
Essentials of Arithmetic.				
Primary Grades	1919-1922		.306	
Primary Grades	1922-1923	Readopted	.4777	55 %
Grammar Grades	1919-1922		.540	
Grammar Grades	1922-1923	Readopted	.774	40 %
Anderson's Arithmetic.				
Book One	1923-1926	(These 3 Arithmetics displace Essentials of Arithmetic, Primary & Grammar Grades & involve increase of 40 % cost.	.54	
Book Two	1923-1926		.576	
Book Three	1923-1926		.612	40 %
Mental Arithmetic.				
Mental Arithmetic	1919-1922		.216	
White's Mental Arithmetic—				
Book One	1922-1926	(These 2 books were substituted for Everyday Arithmetic at increase of 320 %	.45	
Book Two	1922-1926		.45	320 %

Name of Book Adopted	Term of Adoption and Use	Readopted or Book Dis- placed	Net Con- tract Price	Increased Cost Over Book Readopt- ed or Dis- placed
History.				
Business History of our Country	1919-1925	.....	.36	
Business History of our Country	1925-1926	.....	.54	50 %
Student's History of our Country	1919-1921	.....	.63	
History of United States	1921-1926	Student's History of Our Country.	1.04	65 %
School History of Texas	1919-1921	.....	.45	40 %
School History of Texas	1921-1926	Readopted .....	.63	
Agriculture.				
Elementary Principles of Agriculture	1919-1923	.....	.54	
Fundamentals of Farm- ing and Farm Life	1923-1926	Elementary Prin- ciples of Agri- culture.	.99	83 %
Civics.				
Texas and Federal	1919-1924	.....	.675	
Our Government	1924-1926	Texas & Federal .....	.855	26 %
Writing.				
New Outlook Writing System	1919-1920	.....	.045	
Muscular Writing Sys- tem	1920-1923	New Outlook Writing System.	.054	20 %
Muscular Writing Sys- tem	1923-1926	Readopted .....	.081	50 %
English.				
Rhetoric	1919-1923	.....	.783	
Rhetoric	1923-1925	Readopted	1.081	38 %
English Literature	1919-1925	.....	1.26	
English Literature	1925-1926	Readopted	1.34	6 %
American Literature	1919-1925	.....	.792	35 %
American Literature	1925-1926	Readopted	1.08	
Physical Geography	1919-1925	.....	.792	
Physical Geography	1925-1926	Readopted .....	.99	25 %
History.				
American History	1919-1921	.....	1.125	
History of U. S.	1921-1924	American Hist.	1.575	40 %
History of U. S.	1924-1926	Readopted	1.69	7 %
Early European Civili- zation	1919-1925	.....	1.35	
Early European History	1925-1926	Early European Civilization.	1.611	19 %
Agriculture.				
Elements of Agricul- ture	1919-1925	.....	.81	
Elements of Agricul- ture	1925-1926	.....	.99	22 %
Algebra, New School	1919-1925	.....	.81	
New School	1925-1926	Readopted .....	.90	11 %

Name of Book Adopted	Term of Adoption and Use	Readopted or Book Displaced	Net Contract Price	Increased Cost Over Book Readopted or Displaced
Geometry.				
Wentworth's Plain Geometry	1919-1925	-----	.684	
Wentworth's Plain Geometry	1925-1926	Readopted	.80	17 %
Wentworth's Solid Geometry	1919-1925	-----	.74	
Wentworth's Solid Geometry	1925-1926	Readopted	.80	8 %
Physics				
-----	1919-1923	-----	.63	
-----	1923-1925	Readopted	.81	28 %
First Principles of Physics	1919-1925	-----	1.062	
First Principles of Physics	1925-1926	Readopted	1.35	27 %
Chemistry.				
First Principles of Chemistry	1919-1925	-----	1.062	
First Principles of Chemistry	1925-1926	Readopted	1.35	27 %
Latin.				
Latin Lessons	1919-1925	-----	.828	
Latin Lessons	1925-1926	Readopted	1.05	26 %
Caesar	1919-1925	-----	.846	
Caesar	1925-1926	Readopted	1.26	48 %
Cicero	1919-1925	-----	.846	
Cicero	1925-1926	Readopted	1.26	48 %
Virgil	1919-1925	-----	1.017	
Virgil	1925-1926	Readopted	1.26	25 %
New Latin Grammar	1919-1925	-----	.846	
New Latin Grammar	1919-1926	Readopted	1.17	37 %
New Latin Composition	1919-1925	-----	.846	
New Latin Composition	1925-1926	Readopted	1.05	23 %

The above list does not include any of the 100 or more supplementary readers heretofore adopted and now in use in the schools, but the same average percentage will probably prevail, the language books being the only exception.

Recess.

On motion of Senator Pollard, the Senate, at 12:05 o'clock p. m., recessed until 2 o'clock p. m.

After Recess.

The Senate was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, by Senator Pollard, president pro tem.

Free Conference Committee.

The Chair (Senator Pollard) announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on H. B. No. 7:

Wood, Witt, Price, Wirtz, Lewis.

Senate Bill No. 69.

The question recurred upon Senator Bowers' substitute amendment for Senator McFarlane's amendment to S. B. No. 69.

Senator Bowers' substitute was adopted. The amendment as substituted was adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Bailey.	Moore.
Berkeley.	Neal.
Bledsoe.	Parr.
Bowers.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Real.
Hall.	Russek.
Hardin.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Miller.	

Nays—10.

Greer.	Reid.
Lewis.	Smith.
Love.	Triplett.
McFarlane.	Wood.
Price.	Woodward.

Absent.

Fairchild. Witt.

(Pair Recorded.)

Senator Westbrook (present), who would vote yea, with Senator Wirtz (absent), who would vote nay.

On motion of Senator Bowers, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 69 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Bailey.	Neal.
Berkeley.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Real.
Floyd.	Reid.
Hall.	Russek.
Hardin.	Smith.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Love.	Westbrook.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.

Nays—2.

Greer. Price.

Absent.

Fairchild. Wirtz.
Stuart.

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Bailey.	Neal.
Berkeley.	Parr.
Bledsoe.	Pollard.
Bowers.	Real.
Floyd.	Russek.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Miller.	Wirtz.
Moore.	Witt.

Nays—9.

Greer.	Reid.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wood.
McFarlane.	Woodward.
Price.	

Absent.

Fairchild. Smith.

Senate Bill No. 17.

Senator McFarlane moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 17 was indefinitely postponed and to lay on the table subject to call.

Senator Hall called the motion up from the table and moved to table it.

Senator McFarlane withdrew his motion and moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 17 was indefinitely postponed and to spread the motion on the Journal.

Senator Bailey called up the motion to reconsider the vote by which

S. B. No. 17 was indefinitely postponed, and then moved to table the motion.

The motion to table the motion to reconsider was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Bailey.	Reid.
Bledsoe.	Smith.
Hall.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Love.	Westbrook.
Neal.	Wood.
Pollard.	Woodward.
Price.	

Nays—16.

Berkeley.	Miller.
Bowers.	Moore.
Fairchild.	Parr.
Floyd.	Real.
Greer.	Russek.
Hardin.	Stuart.
Holbrook.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.

Senate Bill No. 75.

Senator Wood moved that the Senate suspend all pending business, including the special order, and take up S. B. No. 75 and S. B. No. 76. The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Bailey.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Floyd.	Real.
Hall.	Smith.
Holbrook.	Triplett.
Lewis.	Ward.
Love.	Westbrook.
McFarlane.	Wood.
Neal.	Woodward.

Nays—13.

Berkeley.	Parr.
Bowers.	Reid.
Fairchild.	Russek.
Greer.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Wirtz.
Miller.	Witt.
Moore.	

House Bill No. 41.

The Chair laid before the Senate as special order the following bill:

H. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the Independent School District of Rock Springs and the city of Rock

Springs, in Edwards County, Texas, in order to aid said municipalities in the reconstruction of public property destroyed by the recent cyclone in that community on the 12th day of April, 1927; granting and appropriating to said school district the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars for school building purposes, the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars for equipping school buildings, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for maintenance of its schools, for the school year ending in 1928, and the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars for maintenance of its schools for the school year ending in 1929; granting and appropriating to said city of Rock Springs the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars for rebuilding and rehabilitating its waterworks system; prescribing manner in which the funds hereby granted and appropriated shall be paid, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Wood sent up the following amendment:

Amend H. B. No. 41 by adding at the end of Section 1 thereof, as a part of said section, the following:

Provided that the moneys herein appropriated shall not be paid over in lump sums but shall be paid on warrants of the Comptroller on sworn accounts as needed, said moneys for building and equipment to be paid on approved estimates as the work progresses, and the amounts appropriated for maintenance of schools to be paid on accounts presented to the Comptroller monthly for amounts needed for that month.

The amendment was read and adopted.

Senator Floyd sent up the following amendment:

Amend H. B. No. 41, page 3 of the printed bill, by striking out lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

* The amendment was read.

Senator Berkeley moved to table the amendment. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Berkeley.	Hardin.
Bowers.	Holbrook.
Fairchild.	Lewis.
Greer.	Love.
Hall.	Miller.

Moore.	Smith.
Neal.	Stuart.
Parr.	Ward.
Real.	Wood.
Reid.	Woodward.
Russek.	

Nays—7.

Bailey.	Price.
Floyd.	Triplett.
McFarlane.	Westbrook.
Pollard.	

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Witt.
Wirtz.	

The bill was passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Berkeley, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and H. B. No. 41 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Berkeley.	Price.
Greer.	Real.
Hall.	Reid.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Smith.
Lewis.	Stuart.
Love.	Triplett.
McFarlane.	Ward.
Miller.	Westbrook.
Moore.	Witt.
Neal.	Wood.
Parr.	Woodward.
Pollard.	

Nays—2.

Bailey.	Floyd.
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Present—Not Voting.

Fairchild.

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Wirtz.
Bowers.	

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Berkeley.	Moore.
Greer.	Neal.
Hall.	Parr.
Hardin.	Pollard.
Holbrook.	Price.
Lewis.	Real.
Love.	Reid.
McFarlane.	Russek.
Miller.	Smith.

Stuart.	Witt.
Triplett.	Wood.
Ward.	Woodward.
Westbrook.	

Nays—2.

Bailey.	Floyd.
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Absent.

Bledsoe.	Fairchild.
Bowers.	Wirtz.

House Bills Read and Referred.

H. B. No. 114, referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 104, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 120, referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 6, referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 8, referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Bills Signed.

After their captions had been read, the Chair signed in the presence of the Senate, the following bills:

S. B. No. 100.

S. B. No. 57.

S. C. R No 4.

Senate Bill No. 54.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the Chair laid before the Senate on second reading the following bill:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5518 of the Revised Statutes of Texas of 1925, so as to limit the time within which a person under 21 years of age, or in the military service of the United States in time of war, or of unsound mind, or imprisoned, may institute suit for the recovery of real estate, and to add another article to be known as Article 5518-A, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 54 put on its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—29.

Bailey.	Greer.
Berkeley.	Hall.
Bledsoe.	Hardin.
Fairchild.	Holbrook.
Floyd.	Lewis.

Love.
McFarlane.
Miller.
Moore.
Neal.
Parr.
Pollard.
Price.
Real.
Reid.

Absent.

Bowers. Wirtz.

The bill was read third time and passed finally, by the following vote:

Yeas—28.

Bailey. Parr.
Berkeley. Pollard.
Bledsoe. Price.
Fairchild. Real.
Floyd. Reid.
Greer. Russek.
Hall. Smith.
Hardin. Stuart.
Holbrook. Triplett.
Lewis. Ward.
Love. Westbrook.
McFarlane. Witt.
Moore. Wood.
Neal. Woodward.

Absent.

Bowers. Wirtz.
Miller.

Senate Bill No. 33.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading the following bill:

S. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act making better provision for the improvement of lateral roads in this State; making an appropriation for each of the two years ending August 31, 1928, and August 31, 1929, out of the State Highway Fund in the State Treasury for the benefit of lateral roads; defining lateral roads; defining lateral roads as being roads connecting with and intersecting State designated highways, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Wood moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the bill.

Motion to Adjourn.

Senator Hall, at 5:25 o'clock p. m., moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Bailey. Price.
Berkeley. Reid.
Hall. Witt.
Moore. Wood.
Pollard. Woodward.

Nays—17.

Bowers. Miller.
Fairchild. Neal.
Floyd. Parr.
Greer. Real.
Hardin. Russek.
Holbrook. Stuart.
Lewis. Ward.
Love. Westbrook.
McFarlane.

Absent.

Bledsoe. Triplett.
Smith. Wirtz.

Special Order.

Senator Fairchild moved to make S. B. No. 75 and S. B. No. 76 special order after the morning call, Thursday. The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 57.

On motion of Senator Holbrook, the Senate voted to concur in the House amendment to S. B. No. 57 by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Bailey. Holbrook.
Berkeley. Neal.
Fairchild. Price.
Floyd. Ward.
Greer. Westbrook.
Hall. Witt.
Hardin.

Nays—11.

Lewis. Reid.
Love. Russek.
McFarlane. Stuart.
Miller. Wood.
Moore. Woodward.
Pollard.

Present—Not Voting.

Real.

Absent.

Bledsoe. Smith.
Bowers. Triplett.
Parr. Wirtz.

Point of Order.

Senator Fairchild made the point of order that Senator Hall who was speaking had made a motion to adjourn and that after the motion was voted on the Chair had not recognized Senator Hall before Senator Fairchild had moved the previous question.

The Chair (President pro tem Pollard) overruled the point of order.

Senator Fairchild appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Senator Woodward on the request of President pro tem Pollard took the Chair and the Chair was sustained by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Bailey.	Neal.
Bowers.	Parr.
Hardin.	Price.
Holbrook.	Real.
Lewis.	Reid.
Love.	Stuart.
McFarlane.	Ward.
Moore.	Woodward.

Nays—1.

Fairchild.

Present—Not Voting.

Wood.	Miller.
Floyd.	Pollard.
Greer.	Russek.
Hall.	

Absent.

Berkeley.	Westbrook.
Bledsoe.	Wirtz.
Smith.	Witt.
Triplett.	

Senate Bill No. 33.

The question recurred upon Senator Wood's motion to indefinitely postpone further consideration of S. B. No. 33.

Point of Order on no Quorum.

Senator Holbrook raised the point of no quorum. The roll was called with the following results:

Present.

Berkeley.	Holbrook.
Bowers.	Lewis.
Fairchild.	Love.
Floyd.	McFarlane.
Greer.	Miller.
Hall.	Moore.

Neal.
Parr.
Pollard.
Price.
Real.

Reid.
Russek.
Ward.
Wood.

Absent.

Bailey.
Bledsoe.
Hardin.
Smith.
Stuart.

Triplett.
Westbrook.
Wirtz.
Witt.
Woodward.

Point of Order on No Quorum.

Senator Love raised the point of order of no quorum. The roll call was ordered with the following results:

Present.

Bailey.	Moore.
Berkeley.	Neal.
Fairchild.	Parr.
Floyd.	Pollard.
Greer.	Price.
Hall.	Real.
Holbrook.	Reid.
Lewis.	Russek.
Love.	Ward.
McFarlane.	Wood.
Miller.	

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Triplett.
Bowers.	Westbrook.
Hardin.	Wirtz.
Smith.	Witt.
Stuart.	Woodward.

Point of Order of no Quorum.

Senator Greer raised the point of order of no quorum. The roll was called with the following results:

Present.

Bailey.	Neal.
Berkeley.	Parr.
Fairchild.	Pollard.
Floyd.	Price.
Greer.	Real.
Hall.	Reid.
Holbrook.	Russek.
Lewis.	Triplett.
Love.	Ward.
McFarlane.	Wood.
Miller.	

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Bowers.	Westbrook.
Hardin.	Wirtz.
Moore.	Witt.
Smith.	Woodward.

Senator Wood moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

Senator McFarlane moved as a substitute the call of the Senate.

The motion to adjourn prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Berkeley.	Price.
Floyd.	Real.
Greer.	Reid.
Hall.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Love.	Wood.
Pollard.	

Nays—7.

Bailey.	Neal.
Fairchild.	Parr.
Lewis.	Russek.
McFarlane.	

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Stuart.
Bowers.	Westbrook.
Hardin.	Wirtz.
Miller.	Witt.
Moore.	Woodward.
Smith.	

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Wood, the Senate, at 6:20 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

APPENDIX.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 2 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2 o'clock p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 23 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2 o'clock p. m.

presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 24 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2 o'clock p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 25 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2 o'clock p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 26 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 2 o'clock p. m. presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

FLOYD, Chairman.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 54 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 33 carefully examined and compared,

and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 69 carefully examined and compared, and find the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring unlawful the sale or offer for sale, transportation, preparation, receiving or delivery for transportation or marketing of citrus fruit that is immature, unripe, overripe, frost damaged or otherwise unfit for consumption and the sale thereof declared to be a fraud upon the public; defining terms; providing for the inspection of citrus fruits and issuance of certificates of inspection thereof; providing for the purchase and affixing of stamps in connection with the marketing or transportation of such citrus fruits; providing for the appointment of persons to inspect the same and fixing their compensation; defining certain offenses; prescribing the power and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture with regard to the provisions of this Act; providing for the enforcement thereof, and prescribing penalties for violation of any of the provisions of this Act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 103, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to promote the public welfare and protect the public health by enacting provisions of law designed to prevent the dumping or placing of trash, refuse, debris, garbage or the carcass or part of carcass of any dead animal within 300 hundred feet of any public road or highway in this State; prescribing penalties for violations of the Act; and enacting all things necessary and incidental to accomplish the purpose of the Act."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 106, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6162, 6163, 6164 and 6165 of Title 107, Revised Texas Civil Statutes of 1925, defining and regulating loan brokers; providing punishment for the violation of this law; requiring loan brokers to file affidavits in the county clerk's office, giving name of owners and agents of said business; requiring loan brokers to execute a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, payable to the county judge and his successors in office, conditioned that any person who may be injured or damaged or usury charged by such loan broker, may sue and recover therefor; providing a reasonable attorney's fee may be allowed upon recovery of a judgment against such loan broker by the court not to exceed fifty dollars; providing sale or assignment of wages or any lien upon household and kitchen furniture made by married man to such loan broker, shall be joined by the wife and duly acknowledged as in the case of deeds; providing that any part of this Act should be declared unconstitutional it shall not affect any other part of the same; repealing all of Articles 1127, 1128, 1129, Title 14, Chapter 12, of the Revised Criminal Code of 1925 and all other laws in conflict herewith."

Have had the same under con-

sideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

WOODWARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Town and City Corporations, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Brazos River Harbor Navigation District of Brazoria County under Section 59, Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas for the purpose of making improvements for the navigation of inland and coastal waters and for the preservation and conservation of inland and coastal waters for navigation and for control and distribution of storm and flood waters of rivers and streams in aid of navigation; describing said district by metes and bounds, ratifying and validating all orders and other proceedings of the commissioners' court and other officers of Brazoria County and of the navigation and canal commissioners of said district; ratifying and validating the petition, order for hearing, notice of hearing, hearing on petition, order for election, order defining voting precincts, notice of election, returns of election, order declaring result of election, order of commissioners' court appointing navigation and canal commissioners, official acts of navigation and canal commissioners, order authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds, and assessment of taxes in payment thereof; authorizing the commissioners' court and officers to levy, assess and collect general ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay interest on such bonds and the principal thereof as they mature; authorizing the commissioners' court and navigation and canal commissioners and officers to complete the issuance and sale of \$989,000 of the \$1,000,000 bonds heretofore voted by said district; constituting all orders of the commissioners' court and acts of navigation and canal commissioners and certified copies thereof and certificates of the officers of Brazoria County and navigation and canal commissioners in respect there-

to evidence in all courts; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

HOLBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 217 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the 40th Legislature, also known as Section 3, as contained in Chapter 98 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the 39th Legislature, so as to fix the compensation of grand jury bailiffs and to make the pay of bailiffs of the criminal District Court and Criminal District Court Number Two of Dallas County equal to that of other bailiffs; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and that it be not printed.

WIRTZ, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3107 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and allowing political parties to determine and prescribe qualifications for membership, and for voting therein, to secure adherence to its tenets, principles and qualifications for the accomplishment of its objects and purposes, as lawfully exercised and practiced by said party aforetime."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed, either in bill form or in the Journal, as Senate Bill No. 59 on the same subject has already been printed.

NEAL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on
Banking, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled
"An Act repealing Article 2538, Re-
vised Civil Statutes of 1925, pro-
viding for the investment of State
funds in Government bonds, repeal-
ing Articles 2539, 2540, 2541,
2542 and 2543, creating and provid-
ing for the functioning of a rate
making board; amending Article
2525, Revised Civil Statutes of
1925, by abolishing the definition
of "Rate Board"; amending Article
2526, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925,
relating to "bids" by banks for
State funds and the length of time
for which a depository is created;
amending Article 2528, Revised
Civil Statutes of 1925, and fixing the
rate of interest to be paid by State
depositories; amending Article 2529,
Revised Civil Statutes of 1925; re-
lating to the collateral security to
be pledged by depositories for se-
curing State funds and eliminating
the requirement that bonds be re-
gistered; amending Article 2532,
Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and
defining the meaning of "current de-
mands on the treasury"; amending
Article 2533, Revised Civil Statutes
of 1925, so as to provide for the
waiving of the payment of interest
by Reserve Depositories under cer-
tain circumstances, and fixing the
rate of interest to be paid by such
depositories; and creating an emer-
gency."

Have had the same under con-
sideration, and I am instructed to
report same back to the Senate with
the recommendation that it do pass
and be not printed.

RUSSEK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on
Mining, Irrigation and Drainage, to
whom was referred

S. B. No. 113, A bill to be entitled
"An Act creating Cameron County
Water Control and Improvement
District Number Seven, of Cam-
eron County, Texas, defining its
boundaries, and which District em-
braces the same territory included

within Cameron County Water Im-
provement District Number Seven;
providing that the management and
control of the said Cameron County
Water Control and Improvement Dis-
trict Number Seven shall be by a
Board of Five Directors; providing
that the said Cameron County
Water Control and Improvement
District Number Seven, shall be a
Conservation and Reclamation Dis-
trict, and shall be governed by the
provisions of Section 59, Article 16,
of the Constitution, and by the pro-
visions of Chapter 25, of the General
Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth
Legislature, at its Regular Session,
in 1925, relating to water control
and improvement districts governed
by said Section 59, Article 16 of the
Constitution, except as herein other-
wise provided, changing the name of
such district from Cameron County
Water Improvement District Num-
ber Seven to Cameron County Water
Control and Improvement District
Number Seven, and converting said
water improvement district into a
water control and improvement dis-
trict without impairment of obliga-
tions; providing the title to all prop-
erty and rights in property now
owned by Cameron County Water
Improvement District Number Seven
are vested in Cameron County Water
Control and Improvement District
Number Seven, and that same shall
be held and used under the provi-
sions of Section 59, Article 16 of the
State Constitution, and of Chapter
25 of the General Laws passed by
the Thirty-ninth Legislature at its
Regular Session, in 1925, as same
now exist or may be hereafter
amended; providing that the said
water control and improvement dis-
trict shall assume and discharge all
legal obligations, contracts and in-
debtedness legally created by Cam-
eron County Water Improvement
District Number Seven; providing
that it shall not be necessary for an
election to confirm the organization
of the district created by this Act;
providing that proof of publication
of constitutional notice required in
the enactment of this Act has been
duly made; enacting provisions in-
cident and necessary to the subject
and purpose of this Act; and declar-
ing an emergency."

Have had the same under con-
sideration, and I am instructed to
report the same back to the Senate

with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

BLEDSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six, of Cameron County, Texas, defining its boundaries, and which district embraces the same territory included within Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Six; providing that the management and control of the said Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six shall be by a Board of Five Directors; providing that the said Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six, shall be a Conservation and Reclamation District, and shall be governed by the provisions of Section 59, Article 16, of the Constitution, and by the provisions of Chapter 25, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature, at its Regular Session, in 1925, relating to water control and improvement districts governed by said Section 59, Article 16, of the Constitution, except as herein otherwise provided, changing the name of such district from Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Six to Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six, and converting said water improvement district into a water control and improvement district, without impairment of obligations; providing the title to all property and rights in property now owned by Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Six are vested in Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Six, and that same shall be held and used under the provisions of Section 59, Article 16 of the State Constitution, and of Chapter 25 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature at its Regular Session, in 1925, as same now exist or may be hereafter amended; providing that the said Water Control and

Improvement District shall assume and discharge all legal obligations, contracts and indebtedness legally created by Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Six; validating the bonds heretofore issued and sold by said Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Six; providing that it shall not be necessary for an election to confirm the organization of the District created by this Act; providing that proof of publication of constitutional notice required in the enactment of this Act has been duly made; enacting provisions incident and necessary to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

BLEDSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Mining, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Five, of Cameron County, Texas, defining its boundaries, and which district embraces the same territory included within Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Five; providing that the management and control of the said Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Five shall be by a Board of Five Directors; providing that the said Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Five shall be a conservation and Reclamation District, and shall be governed by the provisions of Section 59, Article 16, of the Constitution, and by the provisions of Chapter 25, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature, at its Regular Session, in 1925, relating to water control and improvement district governed by said Section 59, Article 16, of the Constitution, except as herein otherwise provided; changing the name of such district from Cameron County Water

Improvement District Number Five to Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Five, and converting said water improvement district into a water control and improvement district without impairment of obligation; providing the title to all property and rights in property now owned by Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Five are vested in Cameron County Water Control and Improvement District Number Five, and that same shall be held and used under the provisions of Section 59, Article 16, of the State Constitution, and of Chapter 25, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature, at its Regular Session, in 1925, as same now exist or may be hereafter amended; providing that the said water control and improvement district shall assume and discharge all legal obligations, contracts and indebtedness legally created by Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Five; validating the bonds heretofore issued and sold by said Cameron County Water Improvement District Number Five; providing that it shall not be necessary for an election to confirm the organization of the District created by this Act; providing that proof of publication of constitutional notice required in the enactment of this Act has been duly made; enacting provisions incident and necessary to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed in bill form or in the Journal.

BLEDSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the redemption of land sold under decree of court for taxes levied by the State or by any County, and providing that the redemption of the land so sold may be had within two years from the date of such sale and providing the terms, conditions, and penalties

incident thereto; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and that it be printed in the Journal and not otherwise.

WIRTZ, Chairman.

By Real.

S. B. No. 65.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act providing for the redemption of land sold under decree of court for taxes levied by the State or by any County, and providing that the redemption of the land so sold may be had within two years from the date of such sale and providing the terms, conditions, and penalties incident thereto; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Whenever land is sold under a decree and judgment of court for taxes levied by or for the State, or by or for any County within the State, the owner of such property, or any one having an interest therein, shall have the right to redeem the same at any time within two years from the date of such sale upon payment of double the amount paid by the purchaser at such sale; provided that the purchaser at such foreclosure sale, and his assigns, shall not be entitled to the possession of the property sold for taxes until the expiration of two years from the date of such sale.

Sec. 2. The fact that there is now no provision for the redemption of land sold to private individuals or corporations under judgments for State and County taxes creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.
Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Education, to whom was referred S. B. No. 104, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the creation of Junior College Districts for the pur-

pose of establishing, maintaining, operating and supporting junior colleges; providing the conditions upon which and the method by which such districts may be created; providing for board of junior college trustees; authorizing the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the support and maintenance of junior colleges within such districts and the issuance of bonds by such districts recognizing and validating the Acts of cities or independent school districts heretofore had looking to the establishment and organization of junior colleges and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed, but be printed in the Journal.

WIRTZ, Chairman.

By Pollard.

S. B. No. 104.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act authorizing the creation of of Junior College Districts for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, operating and supporting junior colleges; providing the conditions upon which and the method by which such districts may be created; providing for board of junior college trustees; authorizing the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the support and maintenance of junior colleges within such districts and the issuance of bonds by such districts recognizing and validating the acts of cities or independent school districts heretofore had looking to the establishment and organization of junior colleges, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Junior college districts may be created within the State of Texas for the purpose of establishing, operating, maintaining and supporting junior colleges at their own expense, with the powers hereinafter granted and in the method hereinafter provided. Any independent school district in this State, or any city which has assumed control of its school affairs, may be organized into a junior college district, provided it has taxable values

for school purposes of not less than twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000.00), as shown by the last approved tax roll of such independent school district, and provided it has not less than four hundred (400) pupils enrolled in the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades of its four year accredited high school course. Any county, or any combination of independent school districts, or common school districts, or any combination of independent school districts and common school districts comprising parts of a county which have taxable values of property aggregating not less than eighteen million (\$18,000,000.00) dollars, and which have not less than five hundred (500) pupils enrolled in the four year accredited high school courses in their eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades may be organized into a junior college district.

Sec. 2. Whenever it is proposed to establish a junior college district in a county, an independent school district, combination of independent school districts or a city which has assumed control of its school affairs, or combination of independent school districts and common school districts as provided herein, a petition praying for an election therefor signed by as many as ten percentum (10%) of the qualified tax paying voters of each of such independent school districts or common school districts, shall be presented to the board of trustees of the independent school district, the city council of the city or the commissioners' court of the county, as the case may be: If the proposed district is an independent school district, it shall be presented to the trustees thereof: If composed of a city which has assumed control of its schools, it shall be presented to the governing body of such city: if composed of an entire county, it shall be presented to the commissioners' court: and it shall thereupon become the duty of the said board of trustees, council or commissioners' court so petitioned to order an election to be held in the proposed district within any time not less than twenty (20) and not more than thirty (30) days after such order is issued, to determine whether or not such junior college district shall be

created and formed, and such order shall contain a description of the metes and bounds of the proposed district, and shall set the date of such election. If a majority of votes cast by the qualified voters of each of such districts shall be in favor of the creation of such junior college district, the same shall be deemed to be formed and created, and said board of trustees, governing body or commissioners' court, as the case may be, shall within ten (10) days after the date of holding of such election make a canvass of the returns and declare the result of such election and enter an order on its minutes establishing the district. The election to create the district shall be held in accordance with the terms of the general election laws, so far as same may be applicable and at such elections only property taxpayers otherwise qualified shall be permitted to vote.

Sec. 3. After a junior college district less than an entire county has been organized and created, an independent school district, or districts, or common school district or districts may be annexed to said junior college district for junior college purposes only, by an election as provided for in Section 2 hereof upon petition by ten percentum (10%) of the property taxpaying voters in such district or districts to be annexed, provided that such annexation shall have been previously approved by the board of trustees of such junior college district.

Sec. 4. The affairs of any junior college district composed of an independent school district or composed of a city which has assumed control of its school affairs, shall be governed and administered under the direction of the board of trustees of such district or the governing body of such city, as the case may be.

The affairs of any junior college district composed of a county or a combination of districts, as herein provided, shall be governed, administered and controlled by and under the direction of a board of five (5) trustees elected at large from such junior college district; provided that the law governing the election of school trustees in independent school districts shall control in the election of the board of five trustees for such

junior college district. The term of office of the members of the board of trustees of such junior college district shall be two years, provided that of the first five members elected two of such member to be chosen by lot, shall serve for only one year, so that thereafter two members shall be elected in one year and three members in the next year.

Sec. 5. The power to locate such junior college within the junior college district shall be vested in the board of trustees of the junior college district. They shall make a selection of the location of the junior college after its establishment has been authorized, as provided in Section 2.

Sec. 6. The junior college district created under this Act shall have the same power to issue bonds for school purposes as independent school districts in the State of Texas now possess. The election for the issuance of such bonds shall be ordered by a board of trustees of any junior college district upon a petition signed by ten percentum (10%) of the qualified taxpaying voters residing in the district praying for the issuance of such bonds, and it shall be the duty of such trustees to order such election and the same shall be held, conducted, and returns thereof made to the board of trustees of such district. The issuance of bonds for junior college purposes and provision for a sinking fund for the retirement thereof shall be in accordance with the laws governing the issuance of bonds in independent school districts, as far as applicable.

Sec. 7. No funds received for school purposes from the State available school fund, nor from the local school fund, (except as provided for in this Act) shall be used for the establishment, support and maintenance of a junior college. Any member of a school board, trustee superintendent or other person having custody of or power to dispose of any State available school fund or local school fund who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars nor more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, or by

imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 8. In a junior college district composed of one independent school district or of one city which has assumed control of its school affairs, the taxes levied by the board of trustees of the junior college district shall be collected by the officer of such independent school district or city, as the case may be, who is charged by law with the collection of school taxes; and in junior college districts composed of an entire county, or composed of more than one city or school district the taxes levied by the board of trustees of such junior college district shall be collected by the county tax collector, and such collecting officers shall receive therefor the same compensation as is paid them for collecting other school district taxes. Provided, however, that such junior college district shall receive its pro rata part of any excess fees such tax collector under the law must return to the district, city or county where such junior college district is situated.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees of the junior college district to prepare an annual budget, showing the amount of money necessary for its use for the ensuing year, and to file a true copy thereof duly certified by its secretary under its seal with the State Department of Education, using such forms as may be prescribed by that department; provided, however, that any failure to make such budget or to have same comply with the requirements of the State Department of Education shall not invalidate any taxes levied by such board.

Sec. 10. The board of trustees of junior college districts shall levy the taxes for such district, and in levying such taxes shall base the levy on the amount of money needed as shown by the budget which they are required to make out, as set forth in this Act, with a reasonable margin for the loss and expense in collecting the same and shall furnish a copy of the order making such levy to the district assessor, city tax assessor or county tax assessor, as the case may be, and to the State Department of

Education at Austin. In a junior college district composed of one independent school district or of a city which has assumed control of its schools, the taxes so levied shall be assessed by the officer assessing taxes for school purposes in such independent school district or city, as the case may be. In assessing taxes for junior college purposes the assessing officer shall use the same values as are placed upon property within such independent school districts or city for school purposes. In junior college districts composed of more than one school district or composed of an entire county the tax so levied shall be assessed by a county tax assessor and in making such assessment the officer shall use the same valuations as are placed upon property within such junior college district for State and county tax purposes. Officers assessing taxes for junior college purposes shall receive as compensation for their services the same compensation as is provided for them for assessing the other taxes assessed by them. The tax so levied, assessed and collected shall be used with such other monies as may be had for that purpose in paying off the bonds issued by the junior college district, interest thereon, and operating expenses of such junior college. Such tax shall not exceed for all purposes twenty-five (25c) cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property in such district based on its assessed valuation, which tax shall be in addition to all other taxes legally levied in the district. The tax collector shall on or before the 10th day of each month make a report to the board of trustees of the junior college showing all monies collected by him during the past month for such district, and shall turn over to the depository of the district all monies collected for such district during each month.

Sec. 11. If the county board of school trustees shall transfer any pupil from one district, independent or common, within a junior college district to another independent school district or city which has assumed control of its school affairs which is embraced within the same junior college district, to enable

such pupil to attend a high school, then the board of trustees of the junior college district, of which such independent school district or city is a part, shall pay over to the board of trustees of such independent school district to which such pupil has been transferred a sum of money not to exceed six (\$6.00) dollars per month for each pupil so transferred; (provided such pupil attends the high school in such district or town to which he is transferred), plus such amount as may be transferred to such independent school district or city out of the State per capita apportionment for such pupil and less any sum appropriated by the State and paid to such independent school district or city as tuition for the pupil so transferred to such district; provided that such transfer shall be certified by the county superintendent of schools on or before January 1st each year to the secretary of the board of trustees of such junior college district; and provided that the payment of tuition for each transfer shall be made by the junior college district on or before March 1st of each year to the board of trustees of such independent school district, or city.

Sec. 12. The board of trustees of junior college district and the board of trustees of any independent school district may by agreement provide that the high school building and equipment of such independent school district may be used in part by the junior college; and may provide a proper interchange of faculty between the high school and the junior college, but in no event shall any agreement be entered into that will interfere with or impair the training given by such high school.

Sec. 13. The money collected by the tax collector of the junior college district or other money coming into the hands of the board properly belonging to the junior college shall be immediately paid over to the junior college district depository. The depository shall be selected by the board of the junior district in the same manner as the law provides for the selection of depositories for independent school districts, and such

depository shall qualify as required by such law.

Sec. 14. The board of trustees of the junior college shall have the authority to select a president, dean, or other administrative head, and upon his recommendation, the faculty and other employees of such college, and to fix the compensation of such administrative head, faculty and employees, and the manner of payment of such compensation. The said board of trustees shall authorize and adopt such course of study as they may deem best, provided that such course shall be limited to the first two years of standard college work. The board shall also have the power to fix and collect fees for matriculation, and laboratory, gymnasium, and tuition and for other purposes; and shall have the power to make payment by warrant for any expenses incurred in the support, maintenance and operation of such junior college.

Sec. 15. The members of the board of trustees of the junior college shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed out of the maintenance funds of the junior college district for all legitimate expenses incurred by them in the transaction of their official duties, provided the expenses of each member shall not exceed \$5.00 per day or \$60.00 per year.

Sec. 16. If any independent school district shall before the passage of this Act have organized, created and conducted in the State of Texas a municipal junior college which has been recognized as standard by the Department of Education, or shall have before the passage of this Act in good faith begun the organization of such municipal junior college, then, and in that event, such independent school district is hereby created into a junior college district and its acts in the establishment of such junior college, or looking to the establishment thereof, are hereby in all things validated.

All limitations and restrictions of this Act relating to taxable values and to pupils enrolled, and upon the use of local school funds raised by taxation shall not apply to independent school districts maintaining a junior college at the time of the passage of this Act, and incorporated or validated by legislative Act which

became effective prior to June 1, 1899, nor to counties hereafter organized as junior college districts wherein an independent school district was so incorporated or validated prior to said date, and which independent school district has heretofore issued and sold its bonds in excess of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for the purpose of erecting a junior college building and has organized, created, maintained and conducted for more than one year prior to the passage of this Act a junior college which has been recognized as standard by the Department of Education of the State of Texas; and all such independent school districts so incorporated or validated prior to said June 1, 1899, are hereby created junior college districts and their acts in the issuance and sale of any such bonds and the erection of any such buildings and the organization, creation and maintenance of any such junior colleges are hereby in all things validated.

Sec. 16a. No junior college shall hereafter be established or maintained by an institution of higher education either as extension service or otherwise. No part of the available school fund of this State shall be used for the establishment, support and maintenance of a junior college; and no State funds shall be used for such purposes and it is declared the policy of the Legislature that no appropriation shall be made out of any funds available to it for appropriation to establish, support, or maintain junior colleges.

Sec. 16aa. Provided all limitations and restrictions of this Act relating to taxable values and to pupils enrolled shall not apply to independent school districts which have voted in excess of forty-one thousand five hundred (\$41,500.00) dollars worth of bonds, prior to May 20, 1927, to purchase buildings and equipment and which buildings and equipment are worth in excess of two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars and which said buildings have been used, operated and occupied by a college and university training school, operating under and doing business by virtue of being incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and which said charter was granted said college and university training school prior to the 11th day of September, 1898; and all such in-

dependent school districts so voting in excess of forty-one thousand five hundred (\$41,500.00) dollars worth of bonds prior to May 20, 1927, to purchase buildings and equipment, worth in excess of two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars which said buildings have been used, operated and occupied by a college and university training school, incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas prior to the 11th day of September, 1898, are hereby created junior college districts and all such independent school districts acts in voting of any such bonds are hereby in all things validated.

Sec. 17. Should the court declare any section or provision of this Act unconstitutional, such action shall affect only the section or provision declared unconstitutional, and shall not affect any other provision of this Act.

Sec. 18. All laws, and parts of laws, special and general in conflict herewith are hereby specifically repealed insofar as they apply to the subject matter of this Act. Provided, however, that this Act shall in no manner repeal or affect the provisions of any special law creating independent school districts or consolidated independent school districts and all provisions on such special school district laws shall remain in full force and effect. Provided further that this Act shall not affect the legality of or interfere with the operation of junior colleges heretofore established, or in the process of being established, or for which bonds have been voted; and the restrictions contained in this bill shall not apply to such colleges that have heretofore been established, or are in the process of establishment, or for which bonds have been voted.

Sec. 19. The fact that there is now no law on the Statute books authorizing the creation of junior colleges, and the further fact that it will be necessary before the taxes for the year 1927 can be collected for the use of a junior college that such taxes be assessed prior to making up the tax roll for the said year, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring that the constitutional rule requiring all bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in

force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the State Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas to take over and be vested with the powers, duties privileges, rights and functions of the Industrial Accident Board and the Industrial Commission of Texas, and thus consolidating said departments into one commission; abolishing the office of Commissioner of Labor Statistics and vesting his powers, duties, privileges, rights and functions in the labor member of said Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas, subject to his membership of said Board; abolishing said Industrial Accident Board and said Industrial Commission, prescribing the qualifications of said Commission created in this Act, fixing the salaries of the members of said Commission; creating the position of secretary of the said Commission and abolishing the position of secretary of the Industrial Accident Board; fixing the term and salary of said secretary; providing all things necessary and incidental to the main subject and purpose of this Act, whether mentioned in this caption or not; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be printed in the Journal and not otherwise.

WIRTZ, Chairman.

By Wirtz, Russek. S. B. No. 105.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act creating the State Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas to take over and be vested with the powers, duties, privileges, rights and functions of the Industrial Accident Board and the Industrial Commission of Texas and thus consolidating said Departments into one Commission; abolishing the office of Commissioner of Labor Statistics and vesting his powers, duties, privileges, rights and functions in the labor member

of the said State Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas, subject to his decisions and acts being appealed to the entire membership of said Board; abolishing said Industrial Accident Board and said Industrial Commission, prescribing the qualifications of said Commission created in this Act, fixing the salaries of the members of said Commission; creating the position of Secretary of said Commission and abolishing the position of Secretary of the Industrial Accident Board; fixing the term and salary of said secretary; providing all things necessary and incidental to the main subject and purpose of this Act, whether mentioned in this caption or not; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 5183 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read, as follows:

"Article 5183. There is hereby created the State Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas to be composed of three members, one of whom shall be chairman and said chairman shall be a lawyer of recognized ability. One member of said Board shall be, at the time of his appointment, an actual member of organized labor. One member of said Board shall be, at the time of his appointment, an actual employer of labor within the scope and meaning of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and each such member shall hold office for a term of six years, except that in the initial terms under this Act, the term of one member shall expire February 1, 1929, the term of one member shall expire February 1, 1931, and the term of one member shall expire February 1, 1933; and in naming the original appointees hereunder the Governor shall designate the terms to be filled by each appointee. At the conclusion of the initial terms hereunder, the regular terms of such officers shall thereupon commence, and thereafter shall run for six years, so that each membership of said

Board shall expire each two years. Vacancies occurring in any office during any term shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, which appointment shall extend only to the end of the unexpired term. All offices created under the provisions of Chapter 10 and Title 83, and Part 2, Title 130, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, as the same existed prior to the effective date of this Act, are hereby declared to be vacated and terminated, as of the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 2. Article 5184 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Article 5184. The salary of the chairman of said Board shall be \$4,500.00 per year, payable monthly and the salary of each of the other members shall be \$4,000.00 per year, payable monthly."

Sec. 3. That Article 5185, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, be amended to read as follows:

"Article 5185. In addition to the duties provided in this Chapter of Title 83, said Board shall assume and discharge all powers, duties, privileges, rights and functions heretofore imposed upon the Industrial Accident Board, said Industrial Accident Board being hereby abolished, and all reference to, or use of, the term "Industrial Accident Board" either in the provisions of Title 130, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, or in any other Statute, or Statutes of this State, including any appropriation bill of the Legislature, shall hereafter be construed to mean the "State Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas."

Sec. 4. The office of Commissioner of Labor Statistics is hereby abolished and all powers, duties, privileges, rights and functions of said officer shall vest in and be performed by the member of said Board appointed as a member of organized labor.

Sec. 5. The Commission created by this Act may dispense with the services of any employees not needed in the performance of its duties after the consolidation takes place, as herein provided. The position of Secretary of the Industrial Accident Board is hereby abolished and there is hereby created the position of Secretary of the State Labor and Industrial Commission of Texas, who shall

be elected by at least a majority vote of said Commission and shall hold his position for two years. The salary of said Secretary shall be \$2700.00 per year, payable monthly.

Sec. 6. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent to abolish the Industrial Accident Board, the Industrial Commission, and the office of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics and transfer their powers, duties, privileges, rights and functions as provided in this Act.

Sec. 7. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act, are to the extent of such conflict only, hereby expressly repealed.

Sec. 8. The fact that it is the purpose of this Legislature to eliminate duplication of departmental work, and to consolidate the work of such departments of the State Government as may be wisely done, to the end that needless expenditure of the public money will not be made, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Harris County Houston Ship Channel Navigation District of Harris County, Texas, under Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, for the purpose of the development of deep water navigation, improvement of rivers, bays, creeks, etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

WIRTZ, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 1, 1927.

Hon. Barry Miller, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled

"An Act granting aid to the independent school district of the city of Nevada in Collin County, Texas, made necessary by the reason of the recent cyclone in said city and community on the 9th day of May, 1927, which caused great destruction to the property of said school district and loss of life; granting and donating for a period of years to said school district all of the State ad valorem taxes levied and collected on property in said district, said grant and donation being conditioned upon the voting of bonds in said district based on the taxes herein donated and granted to said district enacting all things incidental to said subject and purpose and declaring an emergency.:"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

WOOD, Chairman.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, June 2, 1927.

The Senate met at 10:00 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Barry Miller.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Parr.
Berkeley.	Pollard.
Bledsoe.	Price.
Bowers.	Real.
Fairchild.	Reid.
Floyd.	Russek.
Greer.	Smith.
Hall.	Stuart.
Hardin.	Triplett.
Holbrook.	Ward.
Lewis.	Westbrook.
Love.	Wirtz.
McFarlane.	Witt.
Miller.	Wood.
Moore.	Woodward.
Neal.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Woodward.

Petitions and Memorials.

(See Appendix.)

Committee Reports.

(See Appendix.)

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Berkeley:

S. B. No. 120, A bill to be entitled "An Act to confer authority upon the commissioners' court of any organized county that does not have a county board of trustees to appoint a county board of trustees to serve until the next election of school trustees, as provided by law; defining the powers of county boards of trustees; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Smith:

S. B. No. 121, A bill to be entitled "An Act making provision for a district attorney in the 90th Judicial District of Texas as an assistant district attorney in said district; providing that such district attorney shall receive such salary as now or hereafter provided by law for district attorney in districts containing two or more counties; enacting the necessary provisions in reference to an assistant district attorney for said district and his compensation; making provision for all other things necessary and incidental to the main purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Love:

S. B. No. 123, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the wording of Article 2007 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as passed by the Regular Session of the 39th Legislature of the State of Texas, so this said Article shall read as follows: A Plea of Privilege to be sued in the county of ones resident shall be sufficient, if it be in writing and sworn to, and shall state that the party claiming such privileges was not, at the institution of such suit, nor at the time of the service of filing such plea, a resident of the county in which such suit was instituted, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Bowers:

S. B. No. 122, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 42, Local and Special Laws, Regular Session of the 37th Legislature of the State of